

PRESS RELEASE

VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS REWARDS

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RE: GOVERNORS REWARD SEPARATE FROM VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS REWARDS

It has come to the attention of Valley Crime Stoppers that many news organizations have reported what seems to be a combined Governor's reward of \$50,000.00, and the Valley Crime Stoppers reward of \$3,000.00, towards the case of an unsolved double homicide that took place near Orange Avenue and Adams Avenue in Fresno County.

Valley Crime Stoppers respectfully requests that it be made clear to your audience that the Valley Crime Stoppers reward of \$3,000.00, is separate and apart from the Governor's reward (and any other reward that may be offered) of \$50,000.00. Valley Crime Stoppers pays rewards based on anonymous tips that lead to an arrest, while the Governor's reward is for information leading to the arrest and conviction of perpetrators for certain unsolved crimes. Accordingly, Valley Crime Stoppers will only be responsible for the \$3,000.00, reward offered, and not the Governor's reward.

Valley Crime Stoppers is not the steward of the government funds; therefore, we are not responsible through our anonymous tip program in paying out those rewards. It is also not clear if the government program protects the tipster from being identified, whereas anonymous tip information received by Valley Crime Stoppers is protected by state law.

References to both the Valley Crime Stoppers reward and the Governor's reward together creates confusion to the public. Due to Valley Crime Stoppers strong presence throughout the Valley, the public may perceive that Valley Crime Stoppers is responsible for paying out any additional rewards the government is offering.

For this case the current reward offered through Valley Crime Stoppers is \$3,000 (\$2,000 from Crime Stoppers and \$1,000 from a private donation).

